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**CC:** Cogliano, Vincent [cogliano.vincent@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Draft response to request for input for the FY 2019 Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution (ECCR) Annual Report  
**Attachments:** Attachment B 2018 ECCR Rpt - Office-Reg Questionnaire OSA v1.docx; Attachment A ORD FY18 ECCR Annual Report Starting Spreadsheet 10.31.18 MJO.xlsx; ATTACHMENT A ORD FY17 ECCR Annual Report Starting Spreadsheet 1.04.18.xlsx; SABranch draft response to 2019 ECCR questionnaire v1.docx; Attachment A ORD FY 2019 ECCR Cases SABranch v1.xlsx

Good Morning, All,

I have drafted a response to 2019 ECCR questionnaire, which is a response to the request for input for the Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution (ECCR) Annual Report. OSA completed an ECCR project in 2019 – hence the request for information about our project for the ECCR annual report.

I also completed the spreadsheet information for our project.

The two files that I attached are:

- SABranch draft response to 2019 ECCR questionnaire v1.docx
- Attachment A ORD FY 2019 ECCR Cases SABranch v1.xlsx

Note that the deadline for submitting our response to Stacy Rabkin is **this Friday, November 22**.

Please let me know if you have questions or comments.

Thanks,  
Marti

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**Cc:** Cole, Danielle <Cole.Danielle@epa.gov>; Doa, Maria <Doa.Maria@epa.gov>; Deener, Kathleen <Deener.Kathleen@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Transmittal notification: 20-A-ORM-000008 - Request for Information for the FY 2019 Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution (ECCR) Annual Report

Hello, again –

Heather Cursio was able to provide me with the attached submitted previously by Marti/OSA, in case this is helpful to you.

Thank you,  
Stacy

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**Subject:** FW: Transmittal notification: 20-A-ORM-000008 - Request for Information for the FY 2019 Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution (ECCR) Annual Report

Hello, Marti and Francesca –

Danielle (Pope) Cole today suggested I reach out to you directly to get your input on the attached transmittal that came in last week. I understand from Danielle that Marti was the respondent for this data request for FY2017 and FY2018. Looking to confirm that this will be the case for the FY2019 report, and also to request a submission to me if at all possible by the end of this week. The transmittal has a due date to ORM of the day before Thanksgiving (11/27), and I would like to give Kacee a little bit of time to review the submission and/or determine if Mary needs to review.

The transmittal is in the chain below. Additionally, I pulled the ORD-specific pieces of the FY17 and FY18 reports identified in the transmittal in to a single document for ease of reference.

If I can provide any assistance in responding to this request, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you,  
Stacy

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**From:** Rabkin, Stacy  
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**Subject:** FW: Transmittal notification: 20-A-ORM-000008 - Request for Information for the FY 2019 Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution (ECCR) Annual Report

Hi, All –

This transmittal came in this week. Looking for your assistance gathering the required info for each of your divisions.

In addition to the attachments to the transmittal, pulled together a file with just the ORD pieces of the FY17 and FY18 ECCR reports for easy reference (attached, FY17 & FY18 ECCR Report ORD Components).

Would you be willing to work with your folks to complete the attachments A and B for any responses that need to be sent forward from your divisions by COB next Friday (11/22)? This will give me a day or 2 to compile and get Kacee's review before it is due to Heather Cursio the following Wednesday (11/27), just before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Please let me know if any questions or issues come up, or if I can help out in some way.

Thanks,  
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**From:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)  
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**Subject:** Transmittal notification: 20-A-ORM-000008 - Request for Information for the FY 2019 Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution (ECCR) Annual Report

## ORD ACTION TRANSMITTAL

Transmittal Subject:	Request for Information for the FY 2019 Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution (ECCR) Annual Report
Response Due Date:	11/27/2019
Contact Organization:	ORM
Background Information	

On September 7, 2012, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) issued a policy memorandum on Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution (ECCR) (Reference Attachment 1). The ECCR memorandum's purpose is to promote the increased use of ECCR throughout the federal government. The ECCR memorandum requires federal agencies to report at least annually on ECCR use. EPA's Conflict Prevention and Resolution Center (CPRC) in Office of General Counsel is charged with compiling information for EPA's final report submitted to OMB for FY 2019.

Attached are EPA's FY 2017 (Reference attachment 2) and FY 2018 (Reference attachment 3) ECCR reports submitted to OMB and CEQ. Office of Science Advisor, NHEERL, and Sustainable Healthy Communities reported conflict resolution activities during the FY 2017 and FY 2018 ECCR exercises and the responses are included in the FY 2017 and FY 2018 ECCR Reports (See FY 2017 report pages 15-16; 39-40 and FY 2018 ECCR report pages 40-41, 49-50, 57-60). In addition, ORD collaboration on ECCR efforts reported by Region 1, Region 10, and Office of International and Tribal Affairs were included in the FY 2017 and FY 2018 reports (See FY 2017 report pages 33 and 46 and FY 2018 report page 57). ORD did not report any ECCR activities prior to FY 2017.

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Analysis

ORM-IAD is compiling information from Centers, Offices and NPDs for EPA's FY 2019 ECCR report to OMB and CEQ. ORD's response must be approved by IOAA and submitted to EPA's CPRC by December 6, 2019.

ECCR cases can include:

- A) situations in which the parties did not perceive a dispute (e.g., they believed they were collaborating with assistance from a neutral third party);
- B) litigation-connected cases as well as more preventative, upstream cases (e.g., planning, permitting, facilitated policy dialogues, negotiated rulemaking);
- C) matters involving parties external to the EPA as well as internal EPA dialogues that used a neutral third party (e.g., a discussion between two offices on an environmental issue); and
- D) situations in which the parties were seeking agreement as well as those in which the neutral third party's role was simply to help parties have a productive discussion without seeking agreement.

ECCR cases do not include mediation of workplace disputes or facilitation of organizational development activities (e.g., office strategic planning retreats) or internal discussions on non-environmental issues within the EPA.

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#### Action/Instruction for Response

**ALL C/Os and NPDs** should provide Heather Cursio, ORM with a response to this transmittal no later than **COB November 27, 2019**. Please note that if your C/O or NPD did not conduct any ECCR activities in FY 2019, this information should be included in your response.

For clarification, ECCR cases are those in which: 1) a neutral third party, such as a mediator or facilitator, assisted parties or participants in negotiations/dialogue; and 2) environmental or natural resources are at stake.

If your C/O or NPD had any ECCR cases which had some activity during FY 2019 (e.g., they began or ended, parties participated in mediation sessions), please add them to the matrix on the attached spreadsheet (Attachment A, ORD FY 2019 ECCR Cases.xlsx) and complete the questionnaire (Attachment B, FY 2019 ECCR Questionnaire) to describe steps taken by your C/O or NPD to build program and institutional capacity for environmental collaboration and conflict resolution in FY 2019, including progress made since FY 2018. Include any efforts to establish routine procedures for considering ECCR in specific situations or categories of cases. If no steps were taken, please indicate why not. .

Please submit the completed spreadsheet (Attachment A) and your narrative response to the questionnaire (Attachment B) to Heather Cursio, ORM by **COB November 27, 2019**.

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